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SUBJ: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER LAZAR TO ROME

ROME FOR AMBASSADOR LODGE

1. ITALINA MEBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT PRIME MINISTER GYORGY LAZAR WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL STATE VISIT TO ROME NOVEMBER 13-16 AT INVITATION OF PRIME MINISTER MORO. FIRST TWO DAYS OF VISIT WILL BE SONSUMED BY TALKS WITH NOVEMBER 15 (SATURDAY) LEFT FREE TO PERMIT LAZAR TO SEE SOMETHING OF ROME. ON NOVEMBER 16 LAZAR WILL PAY A CALL ON THE POPE.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR ITALIAN SOURCES LAZAR VISIT IS NOT, RPT NOT, IN RETURN FOR MORO VISIT TO BUDAPEST LAST YEAR. AT THAT TIME MORO WAS FOREIGN MINISTER, NOT PRIME MINISTER. LAZAR HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HAVING SOME TIME FREE TO SEE SOMTHING OF ROME; ALTHOUGH ITALIAN FONOFF HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ARRANGING CALL ON
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POPE, SATURDAY WAS DELIBERATELY LEFT OPEN TO GIVE

VATICAN OPTION OF TWO DATES (NOVEMBER 15-16) TO
ACCOMMODATE LAZAR CALL ON POPE.

3. DR. JOSZEF IJJAS, ARCHBISHOP OF KALOSCA, PRESIDENT
OF BENCH OF BISHIPS AND OF OPUS PACIS, AND CHAIRMAN
OF NATION COMMITTEE OF PEACE COUNCIL VISITED ROME
IN SECOND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. IJJAS IS REGARDED
AS HUNGARY'S NO 1 "PEACH PRIEST" AND FOR THAT REASON
ITALIAN EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT HIS MISSION
TO ROME INCLUDED ARRANGING MEETING OF THE POPE WITH
LAZAR.
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